

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

A listing of the entire set of pending claims is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously presented) A starter housing for a gas discharge lamp comprising an outer and an inner housing arranged one inside the other in an assembled state of the starter housing, the outer housing comprising a metal layer for electromagnetic screening of the inner housing, and
an inner housing tube arranged at the inner housing, which, in the assembled state is surrounded by an outer housing tube arranged at the outer housing, said inner housing tube and outer housing tube together forming a plug-in socket,
wherein reference elements are arranged at the respective tubes of both housings such that they co-operate in the assembled state for defining the positions of the two tubes with respect to one another, the housing further comprising a reference body arranged at one of the inner and outer tubes and bearing, in the assembled state, on an edge of the other of the inner and outer tubes.
3. (Previously presented) The starter housing of claim 2, wherein the reference body is formed as a peg snugly fitting into a passage or an indentation in the other tube.
4. (Previously presented) The starter housing of claim 3, wherein the peg is arranged at the inner housing tube and enters a hole in the outer housing tube.
5. (Previously presented) The starter housing of claim 3, wherein the peg is conical in shape.

6. (Previously presented) The starter housing of claim 4, wherein the peg in the assembled state projects beyond a side of the outer housing tube that faces away from the inner housing tube and is designed such that its projecting length is removable.

7. (Previously presented) The starter housing of claim 3, wherein a peg or a ridge is formed at the outer housing so as to engage a through passage or a groove in the inner housing tube.

8. (Previously presented) The starter housing of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of co-operating reference elements arranged at several sides of the tubes.

9. (Previously presented) The starter housing of claim 8, wherein the reference elements are formed by through passages in the tubes, which passages can be brought into alignment during mounting of the starter housing and in which a fixation body can be fixed with snug fit for defining the positions of the tubes with respect to one another.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A lamp with a starter housing as claimed in claim 2[[1]].

12. (Currently amended) A lighting device comprising a lamp having a starter housing as claimed in claim 2[[1]].